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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you regarding Docket Numbers 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

My concern is the present practices of the USDA allowing forced molting to continue.

Veterinary science has proven that forced molting promotes disease by destroying the immune system of the Battery Hen.

I know that the FDA has the jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting.

This common practice is blatantly animal cruelty at the highest level.

Forced molting should be considered a criminal act and not be an acceptable practice in egg production.

The FDA is placing the health and welfare of the consumer at risk, by allowing the egg producers

To starve hens for their financial benefit.

The FDA should grant this petition without further delay.

The deprivation of food and water of any creature is both inhumane and disgraceful.

"The practice of forced molting is appalling."

Sincerely,



Veterinary technician

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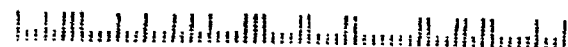
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